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Dear Ms. Marcus and Mr. Howard,

On behalf of the City of Monterey, I wish to express strong support for the joint letter dated June 29th by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, California American Water Company, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the City of Pacific Grove and the Pebble Beach Company regarding the Preliminary Staff Recommendation to modify Cease and Desist order WR2009-006 released by the SWRCB on June 17, 2016. We are fully committed to take part in developing alternative water supplies for the Monterey Peninsula with minimal environmental and/or fiscal impacts on the community served as well the Carmel River. The joint letter clearly highlights the challenges of those recommendations related to the effective diversion limit, carryover credits, and supplemental water rights and acquisition.

Our major concern with the staff recommendation is the interpretation of the SWRCB order WR2009-0060, paragraph two (2), related to a change in zoning or use by the City of Monterey or Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The recommendation is that Cal-Am water would use the lesser of the actual average annual metered water use for the five-year period between 2008-2009 to 2012-2013. This will have a significant negative impact on the future of the City of Monterey.

The City of Monterey has been a leader in water conservation for the past 20 years. We are operating under the best possible standards while meeting water use demands of our community.

In closing, we strongly urge you to support the recommendation in the joint letter and incorporate it in your final Board decision.

Sincerely,

Clyde Roberson
Mayor